Dear Jim, 3/3/77

There have been several changes since the mail came so I'm writing you further over what is in it and what I now think I can see in prospect with the committee and others, especially Bell who is getting more and more on the hot spot and now with a black Deputy who comes from a heavy belck constituency on which I have just laid a heavy load by TV on Jimmy not having killed King.

First of all, if this is disjointed I'm sorry. In today's mail there were the new supports for my weins. They are always tight to begin with and the first time I have them on I can wear them only two hours before putting old and stretched ones back on. Sometimes I've had to take them of in a hurry because they repress the oxygen. But I have to walk around a bit with them all the time, maybe every 10-15 minutes.

I think I can see the committee play on the Hill now. O'Neill has an escape from tradition and the reaction of those who would otherwise object and I can see how he can now accept Gonzalez' resignation. He'd then have Sprague out. There would be no choice and the staff would remain packed with his honchos. Gonzalez will have laid the basis for it for O'Neill: he is at loggerheads with the rest of the committee and in the interest of harmony and the functioning of the House and the committee's ability to carry on with its sacred obligations he has to make changes and reluctantly accept the resignation of that noble son of Texas, that dedicated public servant, that man who serves the int erst of the House and the people and the country, etc.

Preyer is in an impossible position. He can't now accept the chairmanship with great loss of face because it is now out that the rest of the committee were planning to oust Gonzalez and elevate Preyer. Gonzalez went too far in criticizing Preyer in public so Preyer can t validate that and this means Tip O'Neill will find a new face.

Of the few things that can be said for Gonzalez it is not likely that there will be another Member less predisposed in favor of the FBI. Too bad he is a lightweight.

The reason McMillan called you is because he is scared about what can happen. Remember he used to be in Washington. He will not have told you but he undoubtedly knows what you told Cox news. The Constitution story is, I thin, great. It puts real pressure on Bell where he lives and where he'll go after this administration is over. It also informs his friends if he does not still read it as it would be certain in most cases a man in his position would. This makes your fine letter even better. Before I do it, and I won't do it if you don t want me to, you close lays a perfect basis for my writing him and informing him of the certified letters that never reached the addressee only to whom they were sent and that in fact are without response. It will not raise Kelley's of the FBI's of the outgoing DAG's stock.

All of this craziness is working out our way and as he will not let him see very much to Jimmy's. I'm making a carbon of this for him too. Whether he believs or not is up to him but it will not be long before he will know.

Our patience in 75-1996 is also paying off. It has put the right pressure on the DJ and what I have from AUSA Dugan shows it. He has made the kinds of mistakes on which we can capitalize and has accomodated me with a few more statistics. It is nice to know that he admits he has to give me more than 10,000 more pages. We know that is but a drop in the bucket. Where he is really vulnerable and where we can now use my entirely uncontested testimony is that he totally ignores both the original complaint and my proof that it has not been complied with. Now I can provide moreproofs and they will constitute absolute proof of deliberate false swearing by the FBI. He has put himself and Green in a bad position. He has made an issue we have to present to her of the testimony on noncompliance with the 4/15/75 request. Especially with out unprecedented decision before the same appeals court in my No. 75-2021 will she not dare entice still another clobbering from them. So I'll draft an affidavit in response for you to go over. The timing is great becuse the judge reads the papers, too. They are feeling it, Jim.

You realize that my specifications under oath of the false swearing by the lawyers also was not cross examined and there has been no rebuttal filed in affidavit form. Our patience and low profile on this now is paying off thanks to their silly Supplement. Well, maybe not silly because what choices did they have? But now there is a different party

without any interest in protecting the perjurers of the other party. If they have to ax the heads are on the block, beginning with Horn. Here I want to remind you that I have some of this in testimony but even if enough it is far from all. You were sick in Singapore and could not file those affidavits I drafted. Go back over that one and reread my testimony and see if you find anything you want added. I plan a bagebones affidavit/ draft. And here Shaheen is a big help. I'l bet you he is back in Memphis very soon!

We have to take care of the immediate needs in 1448 first. That is right now. But I think that after you go over the draft I'll give you we should talk about going public for the first time with this stuff. It is heavy and it is solid and we have the full proofs of perjury for their files. I have considered to now that it might be premature, given the predisposition of the press. I can consult with a few and maybe get a reading. But I believe that with all the front-page insanity the time might be right now for laying what can be a really heavy load on DJ and FBI. If you agree with me that I should then we should discuss alternatives. I have a preference but I'll leave it up to you. Rather than giving it to nayone as an exclusive I think I'd rather hold a press conference. This would mean I'd have to have copies of records in advance for giving out.

And oh boy! with perjurer Stevie the guy they have supposed to be indicting the bad bad boys in the FBI it may have another twist. We should talk about your getting in touch with counsel in that case and letting him know. But you know what we can lay on Syevie and in documents and of unquestionable relevance in addition to that insane memo he wrote that I have saying protect the FBI first and they look for a legal excuse.

The way this is ripening it is exceeding my highest expactations. The FBI is ~~xxxx~~ picked as the goat. Dugan makes no reference to the records of the Divisions. I think I am also entitled to those of OPR and I know I am of others I can specify. I can now pinpoint more than 100 field office files not provided. I stopped keeping a list when I passed 100. I can now specify Memphis FD302s until there are no more cows to come home. I can now specify relevant and called for records important to Jimmy from Aeromarine to London to Memphis. They had Aeromarine witnesses favorable to Jimmy they hid. I know I can tick off at least two dozen in Memphis and I have it all on paper and duplicated more than once elsewhere.

It is getting to be absolutely fantastic! And the crazier the Congress people get the better this all gets. But I don't want to go public until after the fate of this committee is decided. They are bad. They have decided that Jimmy is guilty. I'll not do anything to help that.

I have even a new basis for going after the pie man simultaneously if as I suspect nothing good comes out of Knoxville. His latest stupidity and even for him considerable excess comes from his correct understanding of the committee's preconception of Jimmy's guilt. He has crossed the malice line and outside the cover of an official document, the report of McRae's protege.

Meanwhile, once this committee and its preconceptions are behind us, regardless of the calibre of what follows, all the Members have an out with the going to Sprague, of which I am confident. He did them in. Their report is his report It is the one way around their having "found" Jimmy guilty I can now think of. They didn't do it. Their truested chief counsel did. Etc.etc.etc. So let that resolve itself and let the situation stabilize. If there are no certainties in life all of this right now looks even better than I'd hoped once we saw what McRae is and how he would go.

Jimmy does not have any way of seeing it but the way I see it he can go into federal court in Washington whenever you can be ready. And when John gets to Washington there will also be a few surprises for you to use. I have enough now. There may well be more by then.

I'm not even checking with any of my sources now. I want this to proceed and resolve. I'll find out enough in plenty of time. And by the time Henry gets back to Washington there will be still another issue for the House to ponder.

Hastily,